System and Method for Indexing Recordings of Observed and Assessed Phenomena
Using Pre-defined Measurement Items

5   **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Pre-defined descriptor or measurement questions or items are presented to a user or operator
using a computer with a storage and a display for use in systematic observation and
10   assessment. Measurement items that are used in the course of observation and assessment
are automatically correlated with address data that is associated with a track of simultaneous
digital recording so as to automatically generate meaningful indexes for the recorded
material. Based upon the contents of the measurement questions or items, including any
qualitative or quantitative descriptions or numerical rating results from use of the descriptors
15   or measurement items, the indexes can readily be further processed, providing the capacity
for improvements in efficiency, consistency, and accuracy in retrieving and utilizing the
recorded material. The method is particularly useful for processes relating to systematic
interview or assessment methods, including the training and monitoring of interviewers or
assessors and the storage, retrieval, analysis, and other manipulation of recordings.

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